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School in Chirakkal taluk, Malabar district, requesting them to accord sanction to transfer the management of the High School to a registered Committee; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) Does not arise.

Temporary closure of Malabar Tiles Factory, Feroke

* 247 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the conciliation measures taken by the Government in the dispute between the Management of the Malabar Tiles Factory, Feroke, and the Feroke Tile Workers Union on the temporary closure of the factory since 6th June 1956; and

(*b*) the number of workers unemployed on account of this closure?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) The Labour Officer, Kozhikode, enquired into the alleged lockout on 1st August 1956 and visited the factory on 7th August 1956. He submitted a report that there was no lockout as alleged by the union and that the lay off was for *bona fide* reasons. The Labour Officer and the Commissioner of Labour recommended that there was no case for adjudication. The Government accepted their recommendation.

Subsequently the Commissioner of Labour held discussions with the Managing Partner of the Malabar Tile Works and the hon. Member on 23rd August 1956. The Managing Partner has agreed to absorb all the workers within a period of three weeks from 24th August 1956 if the weather continued to be good.

(*b*) About 300 workers.

Deputation of teachers

* 248 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any deputation of teachers working in the schools managed by the Malabar Education Society met him on 1st August 1956 or about that date; and

(*b*) if so, the main points represented to him and the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) The main points represented by the deputation related to the payment of salaries to the teachers and about safeguarding their service conditions. These points are under consideration.

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SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : As a result of the steps taken, the teachers were given their arrears of salary and dearness allowance up to June and as a result of that, the teachers withdrew their strike. Subsequently no payment has been made to the teachers. May I know what proposals the Government have under consideration to ensure regular payment of the salaries of these teachers in future?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Advance grants have been sanctioned so that the salaries may be paid to these teachers.

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : May I know whether the necessary sanction has been accorded and it is under operation because it has been a scandalous instance that teachers have not been paid on account of the perversity of one person? If the Government directly pay the salaries of these teachers it will be good?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : My impression is that the payments are being made now. But as regards what permanent arrangements should be made to overcome this difficulty, I have called for a report from the Divisional Inspector of Schools in consultation with the Collector of Malabar. I am told that we have just received the report from the Divisional Inspector of Schools and that will have to be considered and an arrangement which will be satisfactory to the teachers will be arrived at.

Allotment made by the Centre from cess-fund

* 249 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total amount received by this Government as their share out of the cess-fund since four years up to date; and

(*b*) the amount spent or sanctioned out of this share for the benefit of the handloom industry and the handloom workers of Malabar?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) Rupees 3,91,92,037 up to the end of August 1956.

(*b*) Rupees 11,94,857.

SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Are the Government aware that the share out of the cess fund due to Malabar district has not been allotted to that district and may I know what proposals the Government have got to utilize the cess fund in Malabar district?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The Government can administer the Cess Fund only within the framework approved by the All-India Handloom Board and within that framework, the Government have been taking up all feasible schemes in Malabar district. I may tell the hon. Member that under the Second Five-year Plan, the Government of India have agreed to make a separate allotment for Malabar district. I may also tell the hon. Member